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2 An act relating to succession to the office of
3 Governor; amending s. 14.055, F.S.; deleting
4 the Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer,
5 and Commissioner of Education from the order of
6 succession to the office of Governor; providing
7 that the Chief Financial Officer shall become
8 Governor upon vacancies in the offices of
9 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney
10 General; providing an effective date.
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14 Section 1. Section 14.055, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 14.055 Succession to office of Governor.--Upon vacancy
17 in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall
18 become Governor. Upon vacancy in the office of Lieutenant
19 Governor, the Governor shall appoint a successor who shall
20 serve for the remainder of the term, provided that if after
21 ~~the such~~ appointment a vacancy occurs ~~shall occur~~ in the
22 office of Governor with more than 28 months remaining in the
23 term, ~~then~~ at the next statewide general election the electors
24 shall choose a Governor and Lieutenant Governor to fill the
25 remainder of the term in the manner provided in s. 5, Art. IV
26 of the State Constitution. Upon vacancy in the office of
27 Governor and in the office of Lieutenant Governor, ~~the~~
28 ~~Secretary of State shall become Governor; or if the office of~~
29 ~~Secretary of State be vacant, then~~ the Attorney General shall
30 become Governor; ~~or~~ if the office of Attorney General is ~~be~~
31 vacant, ~~then the Comptroller shall become Governor; or if the~~

1 ~~office of Comptroller be vacant, then the Chief Financial~~
2 ~~Officer Treasurer~~ shall become Governor; or if the office of
3 ~~Chief Financial Officer is Treasurer be vacant, then the~~
4 ~~Commissioner of Education shall become Governor; or if the~~
5 ~~office of Commissioner of Education be vacant, then the~~
6 Commissioner of Agriculture shall become Governor. Except as
7 otherwise provided in this section with respect to an
8 appointed successor to the office of Lieutenant Governor, a
9 successor under this section shall serve for the remainder of
10 the term and shall receive all the rights, privileges, and
11 emoluments of the Governor. In case a vacancy occurs ~~shall~~
12 ~~occur~~ in the office of Governor and provision is not made in
13 this section ~~herein~~ for filling the ~~such~~ vacancy, ~~then~~ the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of
15 the Senate shall convene the Legislature by joint proclamation
16 within 15 days for the purpose of choosing a person to serve
17 as Governor for the remainder of the term. A successor shall
18 be elected by a majority vote in a joint session of both
19 houses.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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